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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2015–16 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 843

Introduced by Assembly Member Hadley

February 26, 2015

An act to amend Section 12463 of, and to add Section 12463.5 to, the Government Code, relating to the ~~Public Employees' Retirement System~~ Controller.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 843, as amended, Hadley. ~~Public Employees' Retirement System: public information.~~ Controller: Internet Web site.

Existing law requires state and local agencies to report various information to the Controller and requires the Controller to publish on the Controller's Internet Web site certain reports, including, but not limited to, the state's annual financial reports and reports of the financial transactions and information on annual compensation of local agencies.

This bill would require the Controller to include on the Controller's Internet Web site a feature that enables a user of the Internet Web site to organize, view, and download information in the Controller's database in specified forms. The bill would also require the Controller to publish reports of the financial transactions and information on annual compensation of local agencies on the Controller's Internet Web site in a searchable format.

The Public Employees' Retirement Law (PERL) prescribes the rights and benefits of members of the Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS), the management and control of which is vested in its board of administration. The California Public Records Act generally requires

state and local agencies to make public records available for inspection by the public, subject to specified criteria:

~~This bill would state the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation that improves the methods by which the Public Employees' Retirement System delivers information to the public, that more fully reflects the information practices of the system, and that provides for delivery of information that better satisfies the public's need to understand its operations.~~

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: ~~no~~ yes.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 *SECTION 1. Section 12463 of the Government Code is*
2 *amended to read:*

3 12463. (a) The Controller shall compile, publish, and make
4 publicly available on the Controller's Internet Web site, in a format
5 that may be ~~printed~~ *searched, printed*, and downloaded, reports
6 of the financial transactions and information on annual
7 compensation, consistent with subdivision (l) of Section 53892,
8 of each county, city, and special district, respectively, within this
9 state, together with any other matter he or she deems of public
10 interest. The reports shall include the appropriations limits and the
11 total annual appropriations subject to limitation of the counties,
12 cities, and special districts. The reports to the Controller shall be
13 made in the time, form, and manner prescribed by the Controller.

14 (b) Effective January 1, 2005, the Controller shall compile and
15 publish reports of the financial transactions of each county, city,
16 and special district pursuant to subdivision (a) on or before August
17 1, September 1, and October 1 respectively, of each year following
18 the end of the annual reporting period. The Controller shall make
19 data collected pursuant to this subdivision available upon request
20 to the Legislature and its agents, on or before April 1 of each year.

21 (c) The Controller shall annually publish, on the Internet Web
22 site of the Controller, reports of the financial transactions of each
23 school district within this state, together with any other matter he
24 or she deems of public interest. The reports shall include the
25 appropriations limit and the total annual appropriations subject to
26 limitation of the school district. The reports to the Controller shall
27 be made in the time, form, and manner prescribed by the Controller.

(d) As used in this section, the following terms have the following meanings:

(1) "School district" means a school district as defined in Section 80 of the Education Code.

(2) "Special district" means any of the following:

(A) A special district as defined in Section 95 of the Revenue and Taxation Code.

(B) A commission provided for by a joint powers agreement pursuant to Chapter 5 (commencing with Section 6500) of Division 7 of Title 1.

(C) A nonprofit corporation that is any of the following:

(i) Was formed in accordance with the provisions of a joint powers agreement to carry out functions specified in the agreement.

(ii) Issued bonds, the interest on which is exempt from federal income taxes, for the purpose of purchasing land as a site for, or purchasing or constructing, a building, stadium, or other facility, that is subject to a lease or agreement with a local public entity.

(iii) Is wholly owned by a public agency.

SEC. 2. Section 12463.5 is added to the Government Code, to read:

12463.5. (a) The Controller shall include on the Controller's Internet Web site a feature that enables a user of the Internet Web site to organize, view, and download information in the Controller's database in all of the following forms:

(1) A summary of entity totals, averages, and breakdowns, that can be filtered by entity, year, and entity employees, employee compensation, and population.

(2) A chart, table, or other illustration of the relationship between an entity's employees, employee compensation, and population.

(3) A chart, table, or other illustration of data trends that shows the changes over time in an entity's employees, employee compensation, or population.

(4) A map that illustrates the geographical differences in employees, employee compensation, or population of entities across the state.

(5) (A) A list of the entity positions with the highest compensation.

(B) A list of the entities with the highest number of employees, employee compensation, or population.

1 (6) *A side-by-side comparison of the employees, employee*
2 *compensation, residents, and highest-paid positions of two or more*
3 *entities.*

4 (7) *Any additional forms the Controller deems necessary.*

5 (b) *For the purposes of this section, “entity” means a state or*
6 *local agency that reports information to the Controller.*

7 ~~SECTION 1. It is the intent of the Legislature to enact~~
8 ~~legislation that improves the methods by which the Public~~
9 ~~Employees’ Retirement System delivers information to the public,~~
10 ~~that more fully reflects the information practices of the system,~~
11 ~~and that provides for delivery of information that better satisfies~~
12 ~~the public’s need to understand its operations.~~